

# TODAY IN SOCIETY

## SERVICE SCENE

### Radfords' Party Honors Twinings

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From beginning to end, the reception given by retiring chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Mrs. Arthur W. Radford last night in honor of the incoming chairman and Mrs. Nathan Twining was a "fun" party.

No one wanted to leave, not even Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson.

In a relaxed mood, the Secretary of Defense really seemed to be enjoying himself, perhaps a bit relieved that at last a successor has been chosen for him. But the Presidential appointment of Procter and Gamble president Neil H. McElroy to the Defense post, which still awaits Senate confirmation, does not make any more definite when Secretary Wilson plans to leave Washington, he indicated.

"After all, it will take him a little time to learn about the job," Mr. Wilson said practically, "and I want to hand over this thing in an orderly, business-like way."

#### Hawaiian Motif

The ballroom at the Fort McNair Officers Club where the party was held was transformed into a bit of Hawaiian hospitality. The buffet tables were decorated with centerpieces of white and red anthurium. And around the vases were arranged sprays of Della Robbia orchids on broad ti leaves.

Mrs. Radford, who had the flowers flown in from Hawaii especially for the occasion, herself wore a spray corsage of the rich deep purple Della Robbia orchids, which complemented her shell-pink costume.

Mrs. Twining, who received with the Radfords and her husband, also wore a corsage of Hawaiian orchids—three large white ones of the catleya variety, which set off her blond beauty and pastel grey dress.

More than 450 guests turned out for the gala occasion. Top Defense officials as well as high military brass, diplomats and several familiar faces back on the Washington scene after long absences made up the party throng.

#### "Old Home Week"

For former Secretary of the Navy Charles S. Thomas (he's now chairman of the Republican National Committee Finance Committee), and Mrs. Thomas, it was like "old home week." They're back at the Westchester where they used to live.

Also making a rare party appearance was Missouri Senator Stuart Symington,

member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and outspoken critic of Eisenhower administration defense policies.

Early arrivals at the party were Marine Corps Commandant and Mrs. Randolph McC. Pate, who said they were looking forward to hearing the special march composed in Gen. Pate's honor which was performed by the combined Marine Band and Drum and Bugle Corps at the "moonlight" parade at the Marine Barracks last night.

#### Early Arrivals

Also among the early handshakers were Lt. Gen. and Mrs. Clyde D. Eddleman, she wearing an attractive Ceil Chapman multicolored candy striped cotton print, the Murrey Royars, the Gerald Thomases, and Lt. Gen. and Mrs. Clovis Byers.

While Mrs. Charles C. Finucane was catching up on the news of Mme. Yang's recent vacation in Hawaii, their husbands, Army Undersecretary Finucane and Korean Ambassador Yang, were across the room in another confab with Thai Ambassador Pote Sarasin, who will be returning next Sunday to his homeland after a five-year absence.

The enviable art of soft shell crab cookery was being discussed at the clam bar by Mrs. Harold C. Baker, and Mrs. Curtis C. LeMay, wife of the Air Force Vice Chief of Staff, with CIA deputy director and Mrs. Charles P. Cabell and Admiral Baker as interested listeners. The LeMay's daughter, Pat, will enter Stephens College in the fall to study interior decoration, her mother announced.

#### Off to Portsmouth

Secretary of the Navy Thomas Gates, Jr., and the Chief of Naval Operations and Mrs. Arleigh Burke were also there, no doubt discussing their plans to journey to Portsmouth, Va., today for the commissioning of the USS Ranger, which Mrs. Radford christened last September. Admiral Radford will make the principal address today, with Secretary Gates and Admiral Burke scheduled to make a few remarks.

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury W. Randolph Burgess and recently as United States Ambassador to NATO, and Mrs. Burgess were among later arrivals, along with Philippine Ambassador and Mrs. Romulo, former Chief of Protocol John F. Simmons, Army Vice Chief of Staff and Mrs. L. L. Lemnitzer, Assistant Secretary of Defense